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SUBJECT: NEW SEPARATIST ACTIVITY ON SAO MIGUEL

- 1. ON NIGHT MAY 17, AUTO BELONGING TO NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT PONTA DELGADA SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARIAT, ACONTINENTAL, BURNED. PRESS REPORTS ARSON SUSPECTED AND THAT INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.
- 2. SAME NIGHT NEW FLA LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED IN PONTA DELGADA.
 NOTING ETHNIC AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AZOREANS AND
 PORTUGUESE, DOCUMENT AFFIRMS AZORES COLONY AND AS SUCH SHOULD
 ENJOY SAME RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AS
 AFRICAN COLONIES. IT REPEATEDLY INSISTS FLA DOES NOT WISH
 HARM CONTINENTAL; MISPACIFIST, WILL ATTACK ONLY IF OBLIGED.
 FURTHER STATES FLA SEEKS UN SPONSORED REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE.
- 2. FLA LEAFLET EMPHASIS ON NON-VIOLENCE APPEARS INDICATE SEPERATISTS DO NOT BELIEVE ABLE OR ARE NOT WILLING, IMPOSE INDEPENDENCE BY FORCE AND THAT THEY HOPE OUTSIDE (JOSE ALMEIDA) POLITICAL PRESSURE, AIDED BY LOW LEVEL TERRORISM AT HOME, WILL FORCE PORTUGAL AGREE TO REFERENDUM. UNLESS RECENT REMARKS BY CONFIDENTIAL

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BY CORREIA JESUINO IN US DRASTICALLY AT ODDS THOSE OF GOP,

HOWEVER, FLA STRATEGY APPEARING AND LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. IT NOW OBVIOUS THAT RECENT FIRES NO COINCIDENCE AND THAT AUTHORITIES WILL HAVE TAKE MEASURES DEAL WITH ARSONISTS. IN LAST WEEK, MILITARY COMMAND HERE HAS BEGUN SEARCH FOR BUIDLINGS IN PONTA DELGADA TO SERVE AS UNSPECIFIED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. SPECULATION IS THAT THEY WILL BE USED HOUSE COPCON DELEGATION. PARRIS

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